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1. DEPARTMENT WAS CONTACTED BY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA WHICH HOLDS INSURANCE POLICY ON EQUIPMENT ON SHIP NECHES. THE POLICY WAS TAKEN OUT BY GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES INC.

2. MR. DEBRIES WILL BE GOING TO CAIRO SOMETIME WITHIN THE WEEK ON BEHALF OF INA TO SURVEY DAMAGE TO THE INSURED EQUIPMENT. WE TOLD INA HE SHOULD CONTACT DCM MAESTRONE'S OFFICE TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT CONTACT IN THE EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE. WE INFORMED INA THAT WE DID NOT KNOW IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR MR. DEBRIES TO VISIT THE SHIP AND THAT HE SHOULD NOT GO TO EGYPT ASSUMING THAT SUCH A VISIT IS NECESSARILY POSSIBLE.

3. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT SEVERAL TIMES WITH TEXAS INSTRUMENTS WHOSE SUBSIDIARY GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES INC. APPARENTLY CHARTERED THE BOAT. LAST WEEK THEY INDICATED THERE WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE

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ACCIDENT BETWEEN CHARTERER AND OWNER AND THAT THERE MIGHT

BE COUNTER LAWSUITS. THIS DISAGREEMENT APPARENTLY WORKED

OUT NOW AND LAST INDICATION WAS THAT GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES
INC. WAS ENCOURAGING OWNER (OFFSHORE LOGISTICS INC.) TO
TAKE PRIMARY ROLE IN SALVAGE OPERATION AND REQUESTS TO
GOE.

4. AS INFORMATION DEVELOPS, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY
KEEPING DEPARTMENT INFORMED, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS WHETHER
SHIP'S REPRESENTATIVE WAS ABLE TO VISIT NECHES WITH
EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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